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Toy Named Chair of Two Senate Committees

Senator-Elect Laura Toy will head Senior Citizens and Veteran Affairs Committee Along with the Committee on Local, Urban and State Affairs

LANSING – Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema announced today that Sen.-elect Laura Toy, R-Livonia, will chair the Senior Citizens and Veterans' Affairs Committee and the Committee on Local, Urban and State Affairs. Toy has the honor of being only one of two freshman Senators who will chair two committees next year.

"I look forward to continuing to serve the citizens of Michigan as a state Senator," Toy said. "I am excited about my new responsibilities as the chair of both the Senior Citizens and Veterans' Affairs and the Local, Urban and State Affairs Committees. I am eager to start working with my new colleagues on the many important issues facing our state."

Laura Toy will be responsible for overseeing committee legislation that deals with seniors' and veterans' issues and local, urban and state affairs before they are considered by the full Senate.

"Senator-elect Toy has always been a dedicated advocate for seniors," Sikkema said. "Her knowledge and experience will be a tremendous asset on the Senior Citizens and Veterans Affairs Committee. Her leadership will also bring Republicans and Democrats together to accomplish great things on both of her committees."

Currently, Toy serves as the state Representative for the 19th District. Toy started the "Reps for Ramps" program in the Michigan House of Representatives, which helps those in need of ramps in their homes. Laura Toy has held numerous local positions including Livonia City Treasurer, Schoolcraft College Trustee and Livonia City Council.

Toy will be sworn in as State Senator of the 6th District on January 8, 2003, representing the Wayne communities of Garden City, Livonia, Redford Township and Westland.

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Comments by Sen.-elect Toy on her appointment as Chairwomen of two Senate committees are available on the House Republican Newsline at (517) 373-0111.